TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL NOTE

HB 1002 - SB 1313

March 10, 2013

SUMMARY OF BILL: Requires counties to provide and maintain ambulance service. Authorizes municipalities to provide and maintain ambulance service.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase Local Expenditures – Exceeds \$100,000*

Assumptions:

- According to the Department of Health, this bill will not fiscally impact the Department.
- According to the Department of Commerce and Insurance, the provisions of the bill will not result in any fiscal impact to the Department.
- Based on information provided by the County Technical Assistance Service (CTAS),
 there are varying types of ambulance service agreements utilized by counties. For
 example, some provide complete funding for ambulance services, while others utilize a
 third-party to provide ambulance services. Such third-party providers may be for-profit
 or non-profit entities, with some counties providing payment or subsidies, while other
 counties may not provide such payments or subsidies.
- Due to multiple unknown variables, including but not limited to, the number of counties currently providing and maintaining ambulance service, the level of funding each county provides for ambulance services, the type of services provided, and the cost for such services, a precise impact to local governments cannot be determined. However, the mandatory increase in local government expenditures (for counties) is reasonably estimated to exceed \$100,000 per year statewide.

^{*}Article II, Section 24 of the Tennessee Constitution provides that: no law of general application shall impose increased expenditure requirements on cities or counties unless the General Assembly shall provide that the state share in the cost.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

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